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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takahiro OSHITA et al.

Serial No. 09/180,601

Filed November 10, 1998

FLUIDIZED-BED GASIFICATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Docket No. 01213/GEB667-US

Group Art Unit 1764

Examiner A. Doroshenk

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 1764

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 29, 2000, a three month extension of time being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claim 11 presently in the application without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 12, 16 and 20 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said fluidized-bed furnace has therein a fluidized medium, said combustion region and said heat recovery region are separated by a partition wall and are connected above and below said partition wall, said combustion region includes first and second areas adjacent to each other, and further comprising:

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